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SUBJECT: GOE OFFICIAL DISLIKES U.S. APPROACH ON  
- DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

1. IN CONVERSATION ON OTHER SUBJECTS FEBRUARY 1, DIRECTOR MFA INT'L ORG DEPT AMRE MOUSSA, WHO IS INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS ON DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, TOLD POLCOUNS THAT HE WAS MORE DEPRESSED THAN HE HAD BEEN SINCE SADAT INITIATIVE. REASONS WERE CONTINUING ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND LACK OF PROGRESS ON DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. HE WAS AWARE OF ATHERTON-KAMEL DISCUSSION OF JANUARY 31 AND EXPRESSED STRONG OBJECTION TO DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. CERTAIN KEY SENTENCES AND PARAGRAPHS WERE, HE CLAIMED, PRESENTED IN A MANNER THAT GAVE THE ISRAELI POSITION AND, AS AN ALTERNATIVE, WHAT PURPORTED TO BE AN ARAB POSITION. IN FACT, LATTER WAS USUALLY AMERICAN-DRAFTED COMPROMISE POSITION.

2. MOUSSA PARTICULARLY OBJECTED TO PARAGRAPH 4 WHICH, IN HIS VIEW, GAVE ISRAELI POSITION IN VERSION A AND A COMPROMISE POSITION BASED ON ASWAN LANGUAGE IN VERSION B. HOWEVER, THE EGYPTIAN POSITION OF FULL SELF-DETERMINATION

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WAS NOT EVEN MENTIONED. WHILE VERSION B WOULD PROBABLY BE ACCEPTABLE TO EGYPT AS A COMPROMISE BETWEEN ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN POSITIONS, WHAT EGYPT IS NOW BEING ASKED TO DO IS REACH A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE ISRAELI POSITION AND AMERICAN-DRAFTED COMPROMISE. THIS, HE SAID, WAS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. FURTHERMORE, IT IS INDICATIVE OF "HONEST BROKER" ROLE U.S. IS CONTINUING TO ATTEMPT TO

PLAY DESPITE THE NEW SITUATION CREATED BY SADAT'S INITIATIVES AND EGYPTIAN CONCESSIONS ON NATURE OF PEACE.

3. COMMENT. MOUSSA CRITICISM DISCUSSED WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON AND AMBASSADOR, FOLLOWING WHICH IT DECIDED WE MUST MAKE CLEAR TO MOUSSA AND OTHERS WHO MIGHT SHARE HIS VIEW THAT DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES PRESENTED TO SADAT WAS AN AMERICAN DRAFT AND IN NO INSTANCE PURPORTED TO BE ARAB POSITION. EILTS

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